



Thus, method and system for forward link beam forming in wireless communications have been described.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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CLAIMS

1. A method comprising the steps of:

using an antenna beam pattern to send a communication signal to a user;

determining a statistic using a control signal from said user;

utilizing said statistic to narrow said antenna beam pattern and to direct said antenna beam pattern to said user.

- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising storing said antenna beam pattern after said utilizing step.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said utilizing step comprises using a dithering algorithm to optimize said antenna beam pattern.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said control signal is a power control signal.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said control signal is a data rate control signal.
- 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said statistic is an average of said control signal over a specified interval of time.

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- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said statistic is a weighted average of said control signal.
 - 9. The method of claim 1 wherein said antenna beam pattern is formed using an adaptive antenna array.
 - 10. The method of claim 1 wherein said communication signal is sent over a forward link of a wireless communication system.
 - 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said wireless communication system is a wideband code division multiple access communication system.
 - 12. A system comprising:
- a control signal monitoring module configured to access a control signal from a user;
- a signal statistic computation module configured to determine a statistic from a sequence of monitored signals output by said signal monitoring module;
- an antenna beam pattern optimizing module configured to utilize said statistic to narrow an antenna beam pattern to be directed to said user.
 - 13. The system of claim 12 further comprising an adaptive antenna array

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- module configured to output and direct said antenna beam pattern to said user.
- 14. The system of claim 12 further comprising an antenna beam pattern 2 storing module configured to store said antenna/beam pattern.
 - 15. The system of claim 12 wherein said antenna beam pattern optimizing module uses a dithering algorithm to optimize said antenna beam pattern.
 - 16. The system of claim 12 wherein said control signal is a power control signal.
 - 17. The system of claim 12 wherein said control signal is a data rate control signal.
 - 18. The system of claim 12 wherein said statistic is an average of said sequence of monitored signals over a specified interval of time.
- 19. The system of claim 12 wherein said statistic is a running average of said sequence of monitored signals. 2
- 20. The system of claim 12 wherein said statistic is a weighted average of said sequence of monitored signals. 2
 - 21. The system of claim 12 wherein said antenna beam pattern is used to



- 2 send a communication signal to said user.
 - 22. The system of claim 21 wherein said communication signal is sent over a
- 2 forward link of a wireless communication system.

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23. The system of claim 22 wherein said wireless communication system is a

wideband code/division multiple access communication system.